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**It's time for construction**

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Flight 93 Memorial Task Force co-chairman Jerry Spangler renewed a call for an end to criticism of the memorial's design.

He echoed statements issued by members of the Families of Flight 93 at a news conference in May.

A small group of individuals continues to misread and misrepresent the design.

Spangler is correct. For whatever reason — grief, fear or true misunderstanding - a small and vocal group continues to see what isn't there. They believe the design pays tribute to the Islamic terrorists.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The criticisms are unfounded. They are reading things into the design that don't exist in reality.

The design follows the contours of the land and follows the United Flight 93 flight path and the location of the impact site. Red maple trees were first chosen because they are prevalent in Somerset County, but are now being supplemented with other species to better resist disease.

The claims have been investigated and discounted. The majority has chosen this design. The project must and will move forward.

We challenge the protesters to make amends for the pain you have caused the family members. Put as much time and energy into working to raise money for the memorial as you have in working against it. Join with the Families of Flight 93 towards making this memorial a reality.